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DATE: February 2, 2009

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM: A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
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SUBJECT: Lesserevil Brand Snack Co.-Peanut Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Peanut Recall; Due to *Salmonella typhimurium*; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled products were distributed in the State of Indiana. LesserEvil distributed this product nationally under the brand name "LESSEREVIL PEANUT BUTTER AND CHOCO KETTLE CORN." In addition, LesserEvil exported this product to Japan and Canada. LesserEvil sells this product through distributors to grocery and specialty stores and internet sales. This product was also included in some gift baskets. Detail store information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Lesserevil Brand Snack Co. Issues a Nationwide Voluntary Recall of Lesserevil Brand Peanut Butter and Choco Kettle Corn

Contact:

CONSUMERS - (914) 779-3000 ext. 5
MEDIA: Tom Brown at (914) 779-3000 Ext 112

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- January 30, 2009 -- LesserEvil announces a voluntary recall of PEANUT BUTTER AND CHOCO KETTLE CORN because the peanut butter in this product was purchased from Peanut Corporation of America (PCA). Peanut butter products produced by PCA have been the subject of an investigation by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and are linked in a national outbreak of *Salmonella*. The FDA expanded its investigation of PCA, and PCA has expanded its recall to additional lot codes and peanut products produced since January 1, 2007. LesserEvil purchased peanut butter from PCA from some of the lot codes that were part of PCA's expanded recall. As a result, LesserEvil is issuing a voluntary national recall of Peanut Butter and Choco Kettle Corn.

Salmonella is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare cases, infection with salmonella can result in the organism getting

into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses, such as arterial infections (i.e. infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis. For more information on Salmonella, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Website at <http://www.cdc.gov>.

No illnesses have been reported in connection with this Peanut Butter and Choco Kettle Corn. No other LesserEvil brand products are being recalled or are impacted by this recall.

LesserEvil distributed this product nationally under the brand name "LESSEREVIL PEANUT BUTTER AND CHOCO KETTLE CORN." In addition, LesserEvil exported this product to Japan and Canada. The UPC of the product distributed in the U.S. and in Japan is 180999000356. The UPC for the Canadian product is 180999000516. The product comes in a 3.65 oz bag in a box. All lot codes are being recalled. The recalled products should be removed from sale.

LesserEvil sells this product through distributors to grocery and specialty stores and internet sales. This product was also included in some gift baskets. If you purchased LesserEvil Peanut Butter and Choco Popcorn, please either throw away the kettle corn in a manner that prevents others from eating it or return it to the store of purchase for a full refund.

Company representatives ask that any retail account that may have questions regarding the recall to call (914-779-3000 ext 112). Consumers who may wish to verify the brand, flavor and code date are asked to call (914-779-3000 ext 5). Company representatives will be available to respond to their concerns.

Please know that we are following this issue closely. Check for updates at our website www.lesserevil.com.

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